

On August 1, 2006 the Bureau of Land Management, Bishop Field Office, will submit for consideration to California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division, the following cooperative agreement assistance grants. 1.) Law Enforcement, 2.) Restoration, 3.) Trail Maintenance, 4) Conservation.

Proposed cooperative agreement assistance grants:

1.) Law Enforcement: \$110,000.

This cooperative agreement will assist in annual funding of federal law enforcement officers and support personnel in the protection of natural and cultural resources; the enforcement of off-highway motor vehicle laws; visitor services; public health and safety; and installing or maintaining regulatory signs in the following locations. Tungsten Hills, White Mountains, Volcanic Tableland and the Inyo Mountains Wilderness.

2.) Restoration: \$ 120,000

The focus of this project is the closing and restoration of unauthorized or duplicate roads in various locations in the resource area. These areas include Long Valley, Volcanic Tableland and Fish Slough.

3.) Trail Maintenance: \$5,600

Several trails within the Bishop resource management area have fallen into a state of disrepair. This assistance grant will allow the BLM to maintain those trails to a standard to prevent off-route travel or duplicate trails. Additionally, previous closures and re-routes will be maintained.

4.) Conservation: \$ 35,000

This grant will allow the Bishop field office archaeologist to continue cultural site surveys and monitoring/protection of these sites. This is an ongoing project started in 2004 and funded by State Parks OHMVR division.

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Past Project Accomplishments

- 1) Repaired damaged road to Fish Slough Lake
- 2) Closed illegal road in Fish Slough
- 3) Federal law enforcement officers performed 1,200 hours of OHV patrol
- 4) Issued citations for; no spark arrester, off rout travel, no registration, resource damage.
- 5) Closed illegal routes into Travertine ACEC
- 6) OHV volunteers donated 700 hour of labor
- 7) Completed programmatic environmental assessment
- 8) Volcanic Tableland cultural site survey has been completed